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LETTER DATED 10 AUGUST 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UKRAINE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the appeal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine of 10 August 1992 to the President of the United Nations Security Council.

I kindly request Your Excellency to have the enclosed appeal circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Appeal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine to the President of the United Nations Security Council

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine is authorized to state that the Government of Ukraine has expressed deep concern and alarm in connection with the criminal actions of struggling sides in the area of Sarajevo which resulted in new losses among Ukrainian military contingent to UNPROFOR. Shooting at the UNPROFOR military personnel is a gross violation of principles and norms of international law and may be considered by the Governments of States, contributing their military contingents to the United Nations peace-keeping forces, as hostile actions against their citizens. The Government of Ukraine strongly demands that the sides in conflict, in particular the Governments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as of Serbia undertake all necessary steps for immediate and unconditional cessation of hostile actions against the United Nations peace-keeping forces, the Ukrainian battalion among them in the Sarajevo sector.

The Government of Ukraine requests the United Nations Security Council to use all its authority and all means of the Organization in order to ensure maximum safety of the troops of the Ukrainian contingent of UNPROFOR at Sarajevo, and to investigate thoroughly incidents that took place on 31 July and 7 August 1992.

We express our hope that the Security Council, in accordance with the United Nations Charter will elaborate effective steps to secure necessary conditions for carrying out duties, and for the personal safety of the United Nations peace-keepers, as well as the means of adequate reaction to provocative shelling in case of its recurrence.